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## Good Book Inventory

The Trustees of Dickinson Memorial library have recently concluded the making of an inventory of the books to be found on the shelves of the library. It was a painstaking undertaking and every book was counted and checked and the grand total is 10,395 volumes. Of this number there were 1,469 volumes of childrens books, of which 1,089 were fiction and 380 non-fiction. There were found to be 8,926 books for adult use, of which 3,299 were fiction and 5,627 non-fiction. Thus the library becomes more and more a valuable reservoir for reading material. On the day when the count was made there were 356 books in circulation. The trustees of the library include Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Prof. Horace H. Morse, Miss Ina C. Merriman, Mrs. Mary G. Parker, Miss Mercy A. Brann and Joseph W. Field. Miss Lucy M. Eleventh is the librarian.

The thing the average woman conceals about here past is its length.

## Growing But Slow

An unofficial tabulation of the figures of the recent census of the state gives Franklin county a population of \$51,075 persons in its 26 towns. This is an increase of 1,622 over the Federal census of five years ago but only an increase of 35 over the state census of 1935. Greenfield has 17,020 persons; Montague 7,596; Orange 5,762; Deerfield 3,083 and Northfield 2,064. Northfield is the 5th town in the county in population. In 1935 we were credited with 1,950 persons, in 1940 with 1,975 and now with 2,064 or an increase of 69 in five years. The town can be compared to a "big boy", still growing in his teens and ambitious of his future.

"How come you always put your biggest potatoes on top of the baskets?"

"For the same reason," replied the grocer, "that you comb your longest hairs over that bald spot on your head."

## Colonel Teaches Bible

A Washington newspaper recently carried a feature article in a Mount Hermon Alumnus — Colonel Harry C. Fraser, a graduate, class of 1903. Colonel Fraser was recently promoted to chief, Air Liaison Division, Office of Chief of Chaplains to the chief of the Technical Information Division in the same office.

The writer says, "Colonel Harry C. Fraser may not be the man who taught Bible classes in more farflung places than any other instructor of the Scriptures but until another comes along with more travel experience he will do." The article goes on to say that this officer taught a class in the Philippines on one Mother's Day — the following year on the same day he was teaching in Peking, China and the next year at Fort San Houston, Texas.

While at Mount Hermon, Colonel Fraser was one of a group who lead Bible classes in the district schools in and about Northfield.

## The Ridge Residents

The summer homes on the Rustic Ridge are rapidly being occupied by the owners, if only for a short period this summer. There are only a few rentals owing to the decreased demand by reason of the cancellation of the conferences. Among those already in occupancy or who are expected during August are, Mrs. E. B. H. Jenkins; Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Poole; Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Des Jardins; Mrs. Charles F. Ohlandt; Miss Martha Bollerman; Dr. Wesley Atkins and Miss Flora Atkins; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Cregar; Mrs. H. W. Doremus; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Berger; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan; Miss Minnie Erb; Miss Lucy Jackson; Mrs. E. L. McIntire and Miss Mabel Livingston; Carlton LaHommedieu; Miss Josephine Moody; Rev. and Mrs. Parker B. Holloway; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon; Miss Louise Roe; Miss Edith Babbitt; Mrs. William Voorhies; Mrs. Charles W. Wright; Miss Theresa Simar; Miss Martha C. Strippel; Miss Anna L. Richardson; Miss Alice M. Pedley; the Misses Maud and Carrie Curtis; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bollman; Woodford D. Anderson; Rev. and Mrs. George Washburn; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Broadhead; Mr. and Mrs. Henry G.

## August Church Speakers

During the month of August, the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves of the local Congregational church with his family will be away on his vacation, but a schedule of speakers for each Sunday of the month has been announced. The schedule follows; August 5, Rev. Dr. Harris Kirk of Baltimore, Md. August 12, Rev. Dr. W. H. Bollman of Lancaster, Pa.; August 19, Rev. Benjamin Andrews Jr., chaplain of Northfield School for Girls; August 26, Carl C. Compton, who is expected to return from his work in Greece with the UNRRA; and September 2, Rev. Edward C. Dahl, former pastor and now minister of the Center Congregational church of Brattleboro.

The town of Bernardston will have a tax rate of \$33 for the year, which is \$5 more than last year.

Miss Anne Merriman who has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank H. Montague on Main Street is reported as much improved.

Hengeveld; Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Heydenreich; Miss Edith C. Welch and Miss Sheldon; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke.

Others unreported will be announced next week in a supplementary list.

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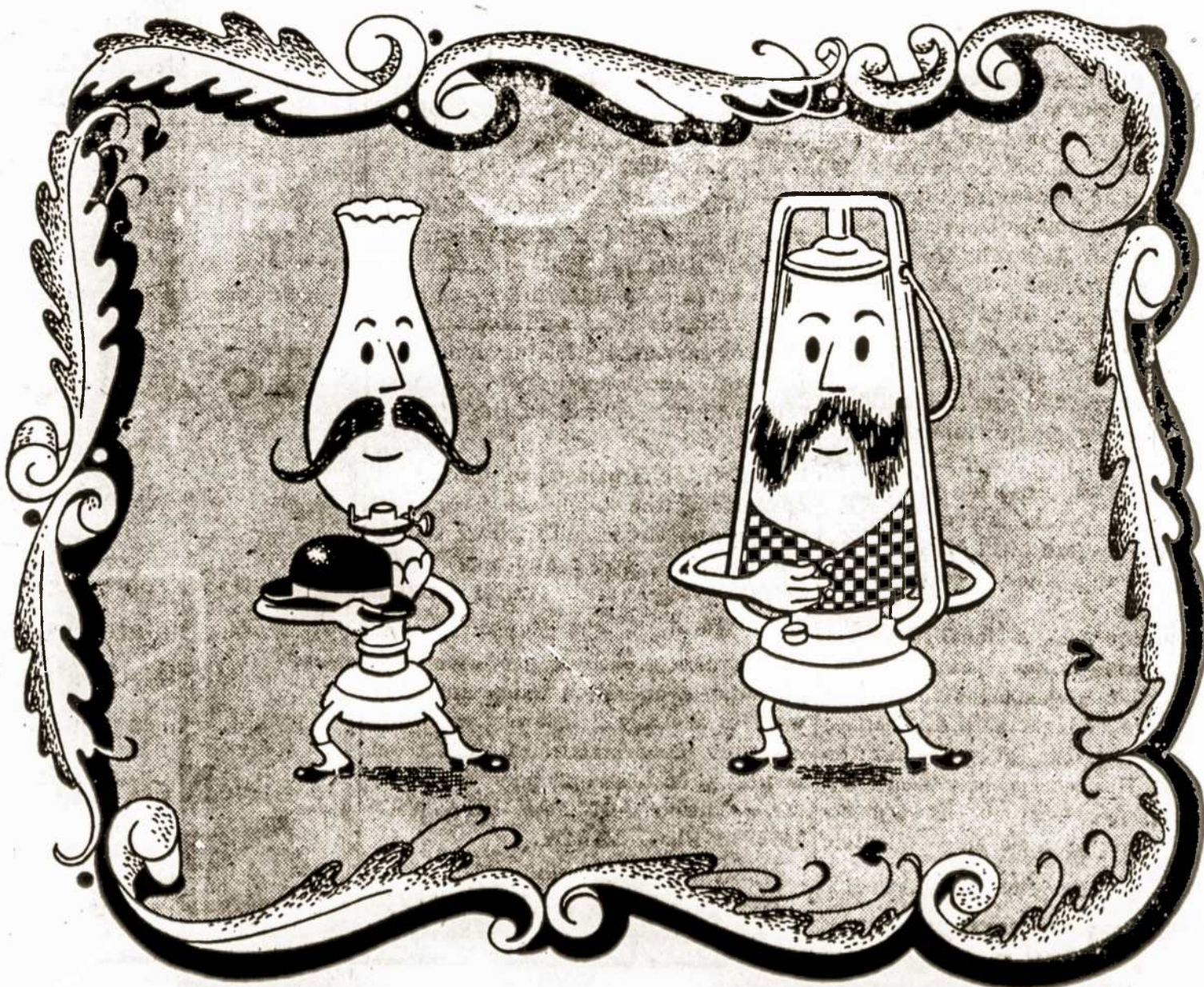
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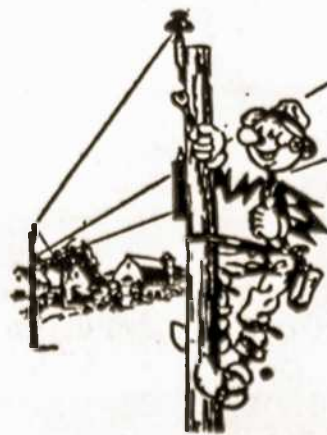


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## New Books At Library

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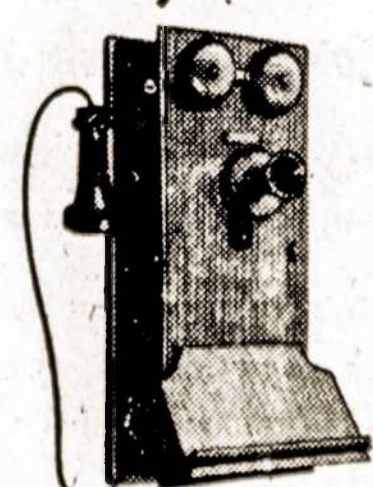
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like a  
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